



## **MARINE CORPS ELIMINATES VEHICLE DECALS**

The Marine Corps recently released MARADMIN 245/16 which eliminated the use of vehicle decals to access its bases and installations.

The change came about with the release of updated DOD access control policy. The latter policy stated that vehicle decals no longer served a useful purpose; specifically, the use of decals is not compatible with the DOD requirement to conduct 100 percent identification card checks at all points of entry aboard Marine Corps installations.

Accordingly, the Marine Corps Installations will no longer issue DOD decals.

However, it is important for Marines, their dependents, retirees and civilian employees to remember that all other vehicle requirements remain in effect. Personnel operating a motor vehicle aboard Marine Corps installations are still required to complete the vehicle registration process when assigned as permanent installation personnel or to a tenant unit on the installation. Registration requirements apply to on-base and off-base residents and shall include a valid state registration certificate, proof of insurance, a valid state driver's license and a safety inspection sticker. Safety inspection stickers are required if the state in which the vehicle is registered mandates their use.

Individuals must also remember they have a personal responsibility to report changes in registration that occur during their tours of duty or employment. For example, if an individual sells or acquires a new vehicle, they are required to report that change to the Military Police Department.

Those who fail to register vehicles aboard an installation shall be subject to citation, loss of driving privileges, impoundment and/or other adverse personnel or administrative actions.

The Marine Corps' elimination of vehicle decals will not affect access to other services' installations as the removal of DOD decals from vehicles is universal throughout the DOD.